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MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

THE GRAVE.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither, at the northwind's breath
And stars to set—but all—
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

WHO has not thought of the dark and gloomy abode of death—the sepulchre alike of the proud king and the humble cottager, along whose brow the cares and labors of years have scattered many a furrow—and whose only hope in the care and turmoil of "life's bleak waste," is the blessed assurance, perchance, of a happy immortality!—There is something in the silent precincts of the "narrow house," where all the undisturbed lie together—the mighty and the noble in state magnificent in their ruin, and the one above whose silent breast and mouldering form no storied monument tells how he ended his existence:—There is something, I saw, in all this, which could bow the mighty to the earth, and cause the humble slave to walk with a proud heart, and kindle the eye before him who hates him. This is a common place theme—but the mind of man reverts often to it against his will. There is nothing which gives such blunt to the distinctions of earth;—which by reflection will subdue every cause of envy, as this simple and all important theme.—Look at the mighty of old; the philosophers and statesmen of years gone by! Where are they? How many forgotten? Their deeds are slumbering in the damp of oblivion; the wave of time hath swept even their historians into the boundless sea of eternity—the fallen wall conceals their sepulchres in the lonely ashes of their grandfathers—and the night winds sigh among their ruins, where once the song of joy and the burst of gladness stole forth from the heart of glee; and the lustre of many an eye is shrouded in the deep graves of night which kindled with love and looked abroad on the varied scenes of nature with admiration and delight. Alas! the pride of man has gone down with him into the dust! it withers when the lamp of this transient existence flickers into the long slumbering of the tomb!—Where are they who sounded the clarion of war along the plains of Thessaly, the mount of Marathon, and of "Samos rocky Isle?" The trumpet's voice hath died on the breeze—the thunders which it aroused have gone to rest—the easies, which have been subdued and won, on whose walls the spear glittered and the cannon pealed, have crumbled into dust; the ivy lingers about the decaying turrets; the raven builds her nest in the easement, and sends upon the air of midnight her desolating wailings—the owl hoots where the song was heard—and man, proud man, who once fought and won—he who reared the structure,

"Sleeps where all must sleep."

His memory is not in the bosom of the guide who conducts the traveller along the shadowy magnificence of other ages, and he is forgotten! Should not these things, the mutability of earthly grandeur, pour in the soul deep and fastening preparations for the great and last change, when a long and dreamless slumber falls upon man? When the nauseous earth-worm preys alike upon the hero and the cottager, in that narrow house where

"Life's idle throbings cease.
And pain is lulled to rest."

"Why," says Ossian, "shouldst thou build thy hall, son of the winged days? Thou lookest from the towers to-day; yet a few years and the blast of the desert comes; it howls in the empty court, and it whistles around thy half-worn shield!" Then why should man look forth, as he fondly hopes, upon the sunny future, with the eye of fancy, and lay up the golden visions, which have passed like the sunbeam in his pilgrimage, in the hope of brighter ones yet to come, when to-morrow may roll on his coffin, and above his quiet rest the sepulchral yew tremble in the wind! Alas! if there is ought on earth which should subdue pride,—which should make men feel that "the rich and the poor meet together, and the Lord is the maker of them all," it is the grave! It is there resentment dies; revenge and ambition are satiated: It is there, above their urn of sorrow, man must learn, that

"Life is a torrid day,
Parch'd by the wind and sun;
And death the calm cool night,
When the weary day is gone."

The main and principal thing which constitutes a good man is a sincere aim and intention to do right. Nothing can supply the place of this, and with it a man has all the ingredients of virtue and righteousness. It is the pivot upon which every thing turns, and a man is valuable and worthy of confidence and esteem, just in proportion as he is governed by a sincere desire to do right.

"I cannot do it," never accomplished any thing—"I'll try," has done wonders.

MISCELLANY.

THE SCEPTIC.

It was a cold, blustering, autumnal afternoon. The sky was covered with a heavy mantle of clouds, and the sun shone of his beams by the surrounding gloom, was sinking in the west, a huge ball of lurid fire. The wind sighed through the branches of the leafless trees, as if mourning with nature the decay of her beauty. The whole scene was sad and mournful: it was one of those which press down with a leaden hand the soul of man, and murder in their infancy all joyous emotions. It was a striking picture of the desolation of the heart uncheered by the light of religion—a fit emblem of him, who was now to be laid in the tomb.

Few followed the coffin of the suicide, as it was carried to its lonely grave;—for he was one against whom the hearts of all were barred, as were the gates of the consecrated burial-yard against his mortal remains. A few, however, did follow the corpse; sorrowing without comfort, not because the living was numbered with the dead, but because his own rashness, his own infidelity had sealed his doom. The father came, not in the steadiness of manly sorrow, but tottering under the torture of despair, and shedding scalding tears, which might almost be said to leave on his blanched cheek seared marks of his unending grief. The brothers followed, and over their weeping faces crept the blush of shame, that they were relatives of the disbeliever. The mother was not there. Maternal solicitude could not wait for the last horrid deed. The consciousness that her son, her first born, the boy she had borne in sorrow, and nursed in his weakness, the child that had slept on her bosom, knew no God, had already laid her beneath the cold sod of the valley. But one was there, whose affection and misery surpassed even that of a mother. One, who, too wretched to die, came to perform the last act of woman's love, which deserts not even the worthless and wicked at the grave. No tear fell upon her cheek, no convulsive shudder shook her frame. Pale and wan, despair had hardened her features to marble. As they stood around the narrow pit, she would have

been a statue, but for the wildness of her dark eye, which flew from the countenances of the bystanders to the bier,

and told in its flashes, of reason driven from her throne. The earth fell upon the coffin, and they all departed, without one ray of consolation. The maniac went away also, and the grave was left for the night wind to howl over.

He whose remains were thus interred had lived but a little time; yet that little was crowded with virtue, and sorrow and vice. More evil had grown out of his short existence, than many a longer life had ever witnessed. The tale is melancholy; but may not be without its profitableness.

With much personal beauty Frederick Oldenbert possessed a remarkable mind, but one glance at his pale but expressive countenance showed him different from all others. To an enthusiasm which sometimes approached to madness, was added unsheathed firmness, and perfect independence, whenever openly opposed; but he was easily governed by an unseen power. Yet his understanding was strong, and his preception quick, so that the mind that would influence him must have studied human nature deeply. His boyhood gave evidence of these characteristics; as he grew in years they were more and more developed, and new traits appeared. It was his lot to possess a superstitious temperament, and to have, incongruous as it may seem, the seeds of skepticism within him.—Perfect freedom from temptation, and a sincere single-hearted attachment to one as pure in mind as she was lovely in person, had thus far in life preserved him from being injured by his singular disposition and feelings. But this course was not to continue, and a change in his circumstances produced a lamentable change in his character.

When he had reached his eighteenth year, with his mind unmatured, his passions unrestrained, he left his native land to finish his education in Germany. To visit that land had always been the desire of his soul. There he thought he should be able to satisfy his love of romance, and find those who would sympathize in his enthusiasm. He had eagerly devoured all the horrid and supernatural tales, which the genius of that country had produced; and nothing chimed so well with his disposition, as the romantic, poetical and skeptical nature of the German students.

On his arrival he hired apartments and joined one of the most popular universities. Soon becoming acquainted with numbers of his fellow students, he chose the society of those who exhibited the feelings he so much admired.—He would sit for hours and listen to the wild tales, the thrilling legends of his friend-like

new friends; and his whole soul became wrapped in that peculiar taste which in a degree pervades this nation. As he became more and more acquainted with their language, he gave himself up to the most bold and terrible parts of its literature. He resigned himself to those daring, but unhealthy and scorching minds, which have brought forth pages covered with dark and mysterious speculations, or clouded and dismal tales, instead of pure and instructive volumes. At home, if he had not acted in accordance with the dictates of religious feeling, he had always revered the faith of his fathers; but now his reverence was fast fading away, and the volume of sacred truths remained ever unopened. Thus did Oldenbert pass several months, acquiring the worst of those sentiments, feelings, and peculiarities, which distinguished many of his new companions.

The day a year of Frederick would lie down with him and haunt his sleep. Scarcely a night passed, that, waking from his sleep, he did not rise and endeavor to ease his mind by strolling through the city. The deep stillness of midnight seemed to quiet his restless spirit, as he wandered about, revisiting the scenes of former days. In one of his rambles he found himself opposite to an old church, just as the deep-toned tocsin struck the hour of twelve. It was a night over which sublimity seemed to preside.—The moon was drifting through her sea of blue like a noble ship, and softening in her course the rough features of earth into a smile, as the affection of woman melts the sternness of man into a kindred feeling. The solemn warning voice of the bell died away, and silence resumed her reign. Finding the door of the cathedral open, Oldenbert entered almost unconsciously. The moon-beams through the Gothic windows, played around the marble statues, and seemed to substitute a reality for the pictured light of glory which surrounded the altar piece. Thinking himself alone, he walked up to the resoled pavement, and leaned, lost in a deep reverie, against a pillar. He was soon aroused by a tap on the shoulder, and accosted by a tall figure wrapped in a dark cloak.

"How now Oldenbert!" exclaimed the stranger, "what are you here for at this hour? come to how before you daub like other trembling fools? or has the moon with her magic light beguiled you from your couch?"

As he ceased speaking, the maffled cloak dropped from his face, and Frederick shuddered when he beheld the countenance of Faustendorff, a fellow student. "I know not what brought me hither; but perhaps the impulse that led you may be more definable," answered Oldenbert. "I come," said the student, with a laugh, "I come to see how the temple of deluded man looks by moonlight." The tone and look of the speaker were almost withering. His face wore the ghastly pallor of death, and his dark, fiery eyes seemed to sparkle with unearthly light, from beneath his long thick eye-brows; while his hoarse, deep tones, echoed through the church like a voice from the charnel-house.

"What is the matter man?" he continued after a pause, "you shiver like a boy whom darkness has overtaken on his way from market, and who sees a spectre in every brauble bush. Surely you have more mind and soul than to give way to the forms or fancies of the world. Surely the mummeries of religion cannot impose upon you; or if you fear that these statues will start from their pedestal and strangle you, come to my chambers and warm your skin with Burgundy." Thus saying, he led the way, and his companion, as if he had lost all power over himself, silently followed.

The student who had thus met Oldenbert had been at the university nearly two years. He was a mysterious being. No one knew from whence he came.

He was noted for his infidelity, and the unfeeling sarcasm with which he derided all religion. He seemed to have a determined hatred of all that was good or lovely; and his stories at their nighty meetings were always the most terrible and blasphemous. Frederick had met him in company, and felt himself drawn towards him by a horrid and unnatural attraction.

They soon arrived at the chambers.—"There," said Faustendorff, pointing to a death's head, carved on a goblet, as they seated themselves for a debauch, "there is the only divinity I worship,—Death, the eternal sleep of the grave, the crumbling away to senseless dust, to utter nothingness, is all I regard as omnipotent." Infidelity like this would seem enough to rack the strongest mind. But Frederick appeared to have lost the common feelings of man. It seemed as if, breathing the same air, he had inhaled the demoniac spirit of his friend-like

tips, as Faustendorff ended his exclama- tion. They sat long over their wine.—Innumerable tales of horror and impiety were told and listened to with savage delight; and from that hour Oldenbert became an infidel.

This horrible connexion grew stronger and stronger. The cold reasonings and taunting scoffs of the student, broke down, one after another, the good feelings and virtuous principles of Oldenbert, until their character became so alike, that one was but a fac-simile of the other. It was their delight to mar, with their licentious philosophy, the fairest pages in the book of nature; to introduce some damned spectre of their own creation in the brightest pictures of life. They arrayed themselves against all that was lovely, and under the most fascinating guise, went about destroying virtue and happiness, however beautiful the shrines which enclosed them. I cannot, neither would I if I could, tell of all their wickedness, degradation and hypocrisy. I will hasten to the last scene of the infidels' life, and leave them to the fate their depraved hearts courted.

There was at this time, at the University, the only descendant of a noble family. A young Baron Elsdorff inherited all the lofty and chivalric character of his ancestors; but a melancholy, arising from the altered fortunes of his house, kept him silent and retired. He seldom visited his fellow students; but when he did, the gentleness and noble sentiments he exhibited won for him universal esteem. In his person he was tall and finely formed. His countenance was exceedingly fair; and his golden locks played around his high white forehead like the rays of a setting sun around a snow drift. The young nobleman cherished a devoted affection for one who was lovely and innocent, attuning to all the delicacy of her sex, a mind capable of sympathising with the high-souled nature of her lover. Against this fair being Faustendorff and Oldenbert aimed their fell machinations.—They were using all their arts to destroy her peace, and straining every power to substitute a sullied lily for the rose the Baron so fondly cherished, when he discovered their designs. Burning with a holy indignation, he challenged Frederick, who gladly accepted the call, as it gave him an opportunity for ridding himself of one obstacle to his wishes.

The place of meeting was a dark and narrow dell. The black cliffs which overhung it, the dark company of trees which crowded around, and the stagnant pool which lay like waters of bitterness, gave to it a gloomy and terrific aspect, and fitted it well for an accused murder. At the appointed time both parties were present. The Baron was alone, but Oldenbert came attended by his evil genius. Faustendorff, to add horror to the scene, had dug a grave and placed a coffin beside it. Dark masses of clouds were rolling up, in a awful grandeur, from the west, as if to frown upon the scene; and the deep rumbling of the thunder reverberated among the hills like the angry and warning voice of outraged heaven; whilst the forked lightning darted its fire incessantly into the dell. Such an accumulation of horrors would have terrified the firmest soul;—but there is no courage like that which is called forth to revenge insults offered to the idol of the heart. Elsdorff stood firm. A deadly pallor overspread his countenance, but the flashes of his eye showed it to be anything but an index of fear. Not a word was spoken.—Faustendorff, with a grin of malice on his features, marked out the ground.—The combatants took their places, the word was given, and they fired. Oldenbert remained unharmed. "Oh my God, poor Heloise!" murmured the Count, as he reeled and fell dead at the feet of his adversary. A dark smile of triumph passed between the unnatural friends, as they calmly proceeded to bury the body.

The storm came nearer and nearer; the thunder rolled louder and louder;—the lightning flashed more and more vivid; when, just as Faustendorff was throwing the first shovel-full of gravel on the coffin, there came a long, blue darting flash, followed by a crash that seemed as if the ribs of nature broke." When Oldenbert dropped his hand from his eyes, which were almost blinded, he saw his companion, a blackened corpse stretched in the grave.

Within a few days Frederick was on his voyage homeward. The uniformity and comparative solitude, which succeeded, produced a re-action on his mind. His delusions faded away one by one, and disclosed the monster within his bosom. All the false drapery and gorgeous speculations which he had wrapped around his philosophy, had vanished. The lips that had whispered cutting sarcasms and demoniac doctrines into his ears, were scorched to ashes by the avenging fires of heaven. He found

himself loaded with sins, without support—without consolation,—with a mortal vulture preying upon his heart. His soul had lost its intoxicating excitement, and lay paralyzed, gazing on a horrid fiend of her own creation—her own idol.

Having no sympathy with his fellow-men, he sought to drown all thought in the inebriating cup; and when he reached his native village, he was a loathsome image of intemperance and infidelity.—Sometimes in a lucid moment, he would brood deeply on self-murder. But he had not yet been able wholly to shut out the fear of the future. He had only barred his heart against it for a time, and now it again found entrance, and he dared not trust to death for freedom.

The fame of his misdeeds had gone before Oldenbert, and when he arrived at his native village, distracted by his deep draughts of wine, his guilt and the thousand recollections which crowded around his heart, he saw hate painted on every countenance. He passed by the church-yard, and the grave of his mother met his view. He reached his home, and saw his father ready to lie down in sorrow by her side. His brothers avoided him, his friends had forgotten him; while the sight of him, the abandoned outcast one, was all that was wanting to lay waste the intellect of the maiden who had loved him with her whole soul. There was no peace, no comfort, no joy for him. He could not live, he could not even endure existence. He wandered about a few days in misery, when one morning the report of a pistol was heard in his room,—and Frederick Oldenbert was no more. In his bible, presented by his mother when he enjoyed the innocence of childhood, were found the following lines:

"Driven on by destiny, self-murder must close the catalogue of my sins.—Before this is read, I shall be no more. What am I that I should live? An outcast, going about like the wandering Jew, with the burning cross stamped upon my brow. I am a second Judas. If there be a God—I have known no God.—But what comes after death. No matter. Let this bible, never opened by me, be given to her who has been so constant to me, as I have been false to all."

One beautiful summer's evening, nearly a year from the funeral of Frederick, the maniac was seen to go up the little hill on whose summit he was buried.—When her friends, from whom she has wandered, came to the spot, they found her clasping the cold marble with the unrelaxing grasp of death. The little bible had fallen from her hand—a smile seemed still to linger on her pale and beautiful countenance—but her soul had winged its way to be at peace forever!

LITTLE JACK.

While the frigate United States was lying in the harbor of Norfolk, some time anterior to the declaration of war in 1812, a little boy in petticoats was in the habit of accompanying his mother, a poor woman who frequently visited the ship to wash for some of the crew. The lad, whose name was John Kreamer, soon became a favorite with the sailors, and it was determined by them, if his mother would consent, to adopt him as one of their number. He came on board and recommended himself by his activity and shrewdness to the favor of every one. War was subsequently declared against Great Britain and the frigate sailed upon a cruise, in which she captured the enemy's frigate Macedonian. As the two vessels were approaching each other, Commodore Decatur, who was standing upon the quarter deck, watching with his glass the movements of his adversary, noticed that little Jack appeared anxious to speak to him.—"What do you want?" said Decatur.—Jack coolly answered 'that he had come to ask that his name might be enrolled on the ship's books.' For what purpose?" said the commodore. "Because," replied Jack, "I want to draw my share of the prize money." Pleased with the boy's confident anticipation of victory, Decatur immediately gave orders to have his name registered, and when the prize money allowed by Congress was distributed, Jack received his proportion.—From that time he was regarded by the Commodore with more than ordinary interest, was taken into his cabin, and prepared for the important duties of a higher station. He was constantly about Decatur's person, and acted as the cockswain of his own barge. So soon as his age would justify an application to the Navy Department for a Midshipman's warrant, it was made, and promptly complied with. Little Jack, as he was familiarly styled by the sailors, was then transformed into Mr. Kreamer, and was with Decatur in the President when she was captured, and in the Guerriere in the expedition to Algiers. He afterwards sailed in the Franklin 74, with Com. Stewart, to the Pacific Ocean.—This was his last cruise. He was upset

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NORWAY, TUESDAY, OCT. 5.

NOTICE.

In consequence of a communication which was published in the Observer several weeks since under the signature of M. M. S. on the subject of flogging, a story has been put in circulation by which it is stated that M. M. S. implicated Mrs. M. C. as the person who was alluded to in said communication, we feel it a duty, by way of reparation, to inform all concerned that she is innocent of the charge.

The following is the result of the returns of the votes for Governor, as nearly as we have been able to collect them. Six towns and plantations only remain to be heard from.

Counties.	Hunton.	Smith.
York,	3366	4524
Cumberland,	4285	5416
Oxford,	2312	3236
Lincoln,	4275	3397
Kennebec,	5236	2955
Somerset,	2692	2275
Penobscot,	1854	2870
Hancock,	1361	1300
Waldo,	1440	3021
Washington,	1183	1084
	23514	30074
		23514
Smith's Plurality 1560		

[From the Bluehill Beacon.]
FREEMEN OF MAINE!!
 SEE WHAT AWAITS YOU.
 YOUR REVENUES SUBVERTED TO THE
 DESTRUCTION OF YOUR RIGHT
 OF SUFFRAGE.

Below, our readers have an exposition of the means used, by some of the friends of Judge Smith, to defeat the republican party. We would not for a moment give place to the idea that such measures are countenanced by all his supporters; but the respectability of the source from whence this comes, entitles it much credit. Mr. Tapley is an honest, industrious, and independent freeman, who would be the last to be barter away his liberties, or be made the instrument of degrading his fellow-citizens. This statement is one of the many that might be furnished, were not those possessed of facts, INTIMIDATED BY THREATS OF VENGEANCE, if they disclosed.

As the Jackson party, in and about Castine, are continually asserting that they have not made any extraordinary exertions to effect the election of their favorite candidates, I give you the following, which if you think proper, you are at liberty to publish; and if any of the persons implicated think proper to deny, I am ready and willing to testify to the truth of it before a magistrate. About twelve or fourteen days since, I was at Castine, and Robert McFarland (1) asked me to go one side with him. I did so; he then asked me if I would not go a day or two and electioneer for their party, and Col. Carpenter would pay me well for it. He also asked me if I did not think that Joseph P. Parker would do some good if he should go with me; and also suggested to me the propriety of taking a JUG OF RUM with us. I asked him what time he wished me to commence my tour. His answer was, about the middle of next week; and he wished me then to call and see him. A few days after the above conversation, I was at Castine, and Thomas J. Whiting (2) asked me to step one side with him. I did so. He then asked me how I thought the people would vote in Brooksville. I told him no danger—all was going well. Our conversation then turned respecting the cutter that is now building at Bluehill, and I asked him if he was going to be master of her. His reply was, yes. I then said to him, I should like to go your pilot. He then said "I want two and you shall go for one, provided you use your exertions for our party." On Monday the 13th inst. I was at Castine, and John H. Jarvis (3) came to me and said, "Tapley, use your influence for our party today, and if Wm. B. Webber gets more votes in your town than Jos. Bryant does come to my store after election, and any thing that I have you shall have it, and if have not got it, if money will buy it, you shall have it.

ROBERT TAPLEY.

Brooksville, Sept. 15, 1830.
 (1) Robert McFarland—one of the host of political missionaries, who were employed a few days previous to the election in taking the census, slandering our best men, and getting votes for S. E. Smith, &c.

(2) Thomas J. Whiting—an exclusive republican, by the grace of King Andrew I. post master at Castine; superintendent and master of the revenue Cutter now on the stocks, and according to report, inspector under the "Marquis of Passadumkeag."

(3) John H. Jarvis—late a violent Federalist, now by the transmogrifying virtues of the Jackson dye-pot, a true-blue Jackson democratic republican, and most potent adviser to the Marquis of Passadumkeag."

ANOTHER CURIOSITY.—We have in our possession some of the votes thrown in Newfield, which our readers can see by calling at our office. Some of the votes given for the Jackson Representative in that town are so small that they can scarcely be seen with a microscope. "N. Clifford" is written on a piece of paper not an inch long, and with scarcely any width at all. The Senatorial votes are proportionately small. These votes were found in the ballot box rolled up in squads, and no doubt remains, but five or six, or perhaps a dozen, were thrown by some individuals. The votes for Go-

vernour were written on a piece of paper three or four inches square, so as to conceal the little ones within, like a nest of boxes. It can be proved that more votes were counted than there were voters present, who voted. Yet a Jackson selectman counted all, even those that could with difficulty be seen with spectacles. An anti-Jackson selectman left the board. The Jackson selectmen, we hear, have been prosecuted.—*Portland Advertiser.*

The question is often asked, how is the triumph of Jacksonism in this State to be accounted for? We will offer a few reasons in answer to this question.

1st. There is a strong tendency among the people to be on the strongest side to be with the majority. Gen. Jackson was elected President by a majority of the people of the United States. Many persons therefore, although they disliked the man and still dislike him, consider it their duty to acquiesce in the decision, and more that it may be for their interest so to do. One cunning office-seeker may and often does draw fifty honest men after him in changing sides.

2d. A great many persons consider it next to high treason to be found in opposition to the General Government. Do what they may it will not do to oppose the National Administration. Great numbers have fallen into the Jackson ranks in this State from this consideration.

3d. The Jackson party in this State numbers in its ranks a large proportion of those men who are *politicians by profession*—who are skilled in all the arts and tricks of party electioneering and who stick at nothing to carry their points. Destitute of political honesty themselves they consider all others equally as unprincipled and resort to means to obtain votes which men of integrity and principle will never condone to imitate. Many of these *political jugglers* are seated in high places and are well paid for their services. The small fry scattered about the country—the adjutants, quarter masters and sergeants of "the party" are willing and obedient servants to their masters and do all they are bid with the utmost alacrity. These "little Jacksons" are all expecting their reward. Some a Justice's commission—some a four and six-penny post office—some to be deputy sheriff's, some to go represented next year, &c. The larger part of them, however, will get nothing but promises.

4th. Much has been effected by the cry of *federalism* set up and kept up with such unblushing effrontery by the Jackson papers. We might say *every* thing has been effected by this cry. Without it the present state of things never could have been produced. From the beginning it has been the constant aim of the Jackson papers to impress upon the people the belief that by supporting Mr. Adams they were identifying themselves with the old federal party—and ever since the election of Jackson all have been indiscriminately denounced as *federalists* who do not choose to support him. Men who are incapable of using any other argument can cry out *federalism*, and that answers every purpose.

A great many honest men in this County who are as much opposed to Jackson's course as we are, have voted and acted with the Jackson party for no other reason than the dread of being called *federalists*. What the term means they know not—they know it is used as a reproach and that is sufficient to induce them to avoid its application to them.

It will be seen from the above that we attribute the late triumph of the Jackson party in this State to very different reasons than the popularity of Gen. Jackson and his administration—and that such is the fact no intelligent man will deny. When it is well known that there are three or four Jackson men in this State who could with three months drilling carry more than half of the Jackson party here in direct opposition to the Hero and every act of his administration and make them avow (what they already believe) that he is not and never was fit for the station which he holds, it is nonsense for the Jackson papers to attribute the result of our late election to the popularity of Jackson or the measures of his administration.

Somerset Journal.

Operations for blindness from birth.—Dr. Mannor, of Geneva, has lately performed this operation on a boy 8 years of age, who had from his birth been affected with a cataract in both eyes. The pupils, which were very sensible to light, had been dilated by extract of belladonna. Both eyes were operated upon the same day, and by the same method, viz: keratodialysis. No unfavorable symptoms followed the operation, and, after a short time, the fragments of the lenses having been completely absorbed, the patient had the full use of his eyes.

The results of the experiments made upon him soon after the acquirement of his new sense, for the most part coincided with those obtained by Chelunden and Wardrob. The eyes required to be exercised for a considerable time before the individual could judge correctly of distance and form, and the difference of colors. He learnt however, to form a correct estimation of the latter much sooner than the former, and very soon

fell into mistakes, by drawing his inferences from color extensively; thus, he took a piece of blue paper for a steel knife, &c.—*Lancet.*

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.

In Hartford on Tuesday last, about 10 o'clock William, son of Major William Ripley, about 5 years of age, was killed by a stick from the fence, rolling down upon him. Although a younger brother being with him, ran in saying a rail had fallen on William, and he could not get it off. An older person ran out to see, and lifted it off, but he breathed his last. Mrs. Ripley was absent to a neighbor's house, half a mile distant, to warp a web, and while those neighbors who were collected by the alarm, were devising the best method of conveying the melancholy news to her, her eldest daughter about nine years of age, went unbeknown to them, in the agony of her soul, revealed the melancholy tidings which was doubly distressing to her mother. The mother started for home in company with the woman of the house, where she then was. She proceeded but 8 or 10 rods and fell dead in the road, or gasped but once or twice after she fell. Major Ripley was about 7 miles from home. A messenger was sent to him immediately who told him his child was dead he hurried home and entered his house, saw the corpse of his dear William, and looking round said, "where is my wife, oh, where is my dear wife?" She is at neighbor ——, he was answered. But why there in this distressing time? The answer was, she was in the same situation with William. O, the heart-rending scene! No pen can describe the feelings of his wounded spirit. It did not then deprive him of his reason—Major Ripley is left with five children to mourn their loss—the youngest only 15 weeks old. A physician was soon called who examined them—it gave it as his opinion that the distress was so great in her, that the main blood vessel near the heart must have burst, which soon terminated her existence—and the neck of the child was broken.

Comm.

MAGRIED,

In Portland, on Thursday morning last, by Rev. Mr. Ten Brook, Mr. Bezaleel Cushing, Preceptor of Portland Academy, to Miss Emma Motley. [By the Rev. Dr. Tyler Mr. John R. Brown to Miss Anna M. Greeley,

STATE OF MAINE.

Over 1000. ss.
 Court of Sessions, June Term, A. D. 1830.
 APPLICATION having been made to the Court here to take into consideration the subject of the rates of toll or ferriage, as now established, at the several licensed Ferries in said County of Oxford, and to make such alterations as may be equitable between the public and the owners of the Ferries; it is therefore ordered, that the subject be postponed to the next term of this Court to be held at Paris in and for said County on the last Tuesday in October next, when a hearing will be had and that notice of the same be published in the Jeffersonian and Observer that all persons interested may be present if they see fit.

Attest. R. K. GOODENO, CLERK.

3w16

LIST OF LETTERS
Remaining in the Post Office in Norway, October 1, 1830.

ASA Barton, 13—Seunor Cobb—Benjamin A. Fuller—James Merrill—Asa Noyes—Sarah Rust—Irene Stevens—William Webster—Miss Mary Whelock.

for W. REED, P. M.
 by INCREASE ROBINSON, A.

AN APPRENTICE WANTED.
 WANTED immediately by the subscriber, a boy about 16 or 17 years of age as an apprentice to the BRASSSMITHING BUSINESS. One of steady habits will meet with good encouragement by applying to

PINEHAS MORSE.

South Paris, Oct. 1, 1830. 3w16

HENRY GODDARD & CO.

HAVE removed to one of the New Stores on the opposite side, a few doors west of their former Stand, where they have received, in addition to their former Stock, large quantities of

BIRMINGHAM AND SHEFFIELD HARD WARE,
 SHELF AND HEAVY GOODS, including a variety of Tin'd, Japan'd and Plated

Saddlery;

and will receive by the first arrival from Liverpool, a complete assortment of

CUTLERY.

They have also received numerous articles of this Country's Manufacture, such as Mill, Crosscut and Tenon SAW'S; Steel blade and Ames' SHOVELS; Harness, Skirting and Bridle LEATHER; Girth Web; Cut Nails; Tacks; Brads; Hollow WARE; Glass; Brass FIRE SETTS; Bellows; Brewles; Joiner's Moulding Tools and Bench PLANES; Molasses Gates; Shaving Soap; Bod Cord; Sand Paper; Soap Stone Furnaces; Cotton, Wool and Card Cards; Training GUNS;—Fowling GUNS; Pistols and Percussion Caps;—Looking Glasses; Brass Hanging Lamps;—Brass and Jap'd Lamps; Whips and Whip Thongs; Augers; Ship Scrapers; Binacle Lamps; Ship and Deck Lanterns, and a good assortment of PAINTS.

The whole embracing almost every description, and a greater variety of goods than are usually found in a Hard Ware Stock, and will be sold at such rates as will give customers no trouble from the prices of others, here or in Boston.

Portland, Sept. 14, 1830. 6w 15

POCKET BOOK LOST.

BY the subscriber on the 25th of August between Poland Corner and Norway Village, a red morocco POCKET BOOK, containing one note of fifty dollars against William Young, given to Otis Swift, about the 20th of January 1820; and one against Henry Dolley, seven dollars, given in August 1826; and also sundry other papers of little value to any one except the owner. Any person who may have found this Pocket Book &c. or who will give information so that they may be obtained shall be suitably rewarded. I hereby forbid all persons buying the above notes as the payment of them is stopped.

JOSEPH DOLLEY, Jr.

Norway, Sept. 18, 1830. 3w 14

Cloth Dressing.

THE subscriber respectfully gives notice to the inhabitants of Norway and vicinity, that he has erected and put in operation, at the centre of this town, a CLOTHING MILL, and will dress all cloth committed to him, according to his best abilities.

JOHN MARCH.

Norway, Sept. 20, 1830. 14 3w

Albion Corn Plaster!

THE Albion Corn Plaster softens the corn, however old and tough, and extracts it to the very roots. The relief afforded is gentle, immediate and thorough.

The Proprietor begs leaves to submit the following case, from Mr. Stowell, who is well known to the inhabitants of this city, especially at the south end, and at South Boston, as a very respectable citizen.

A CASE.

SIR—I do not hesitate to give my most unqualified approbation in favor of your valuable *Albion Corn Plaster*. By the use of less than a box, Mrs. Stowell has been cured of a corn on each foot, which had been exceedingly troublesome and painful for years, and I think it, but justice to your invaluable preparation to add, (for the encouragement of those, who owing to repeated disappointments in the various remedies resorted to, have finally despaired of a cure,) that your Plaster cured her corns after trying other highly recommended remedies to no purpose; and what increases my confidence in the superiority of your Plaster, is the fact, that it has been used by several of my neighbors with equally good success.

(Signed) SETH STOWELL,
 Keeper of the Toll-house, South Boston Bridge.
 Mr. T. KIDDER,
 Proprietor of the Conway Medicines.

Boston, June 17th, 1829.

* Price 50 cents.

SORE

AND INFLAMED EYES!

HE studious, the weakly, and others, who are troubled with soreness or inflammation of that delicate organ, will be able to obtain a most pleasant and invaluable application, in

DUMFRIES'

EYE CURE.

This well established *Wash for the Eye*, is perfectly innocent, and gives immediate relief, even in very aggravated cases of soreness and inflammation.

Price 25 cents.

THE TOOTH ACHE!

THIS agonizing disorder is cured in its most painful stages, by one of the most simple as well as powerful remedies known in modern practice. I he

CAMBRIAN TOOTH ACHE PILLS afford instant relief, without inflicting the slightest injury on the teeth. They are applied externally to the parts affected, with the greatest ease and expedition, and generally operate as a soothing liniment to the suffering patient. Price 50 cents a box.

PHILIBILIOUS PILLS,

in connexion, according to the directions accompanying the Specific. It is also one of the best medicines known for *Sick Headache*, *Sickness at the Stomach*, *Nausea*, and *Flatulences*. Price of the Specific and Pills 50 cents each.

* * None genuine unless signed on the outside printed wrapped by the sole Proprietor, T. KIDDER, immediate successor to the late Dr. W. T. CONWAY. For sale with all the other "Conway Medicine," at his Counting Room, No. 99, next door to J. Kidder's Drug Store, corner of Court and Hanover streets, near concert Hall, Boston; and by his special appointment, by ASA BARTON, who has for sale a general assortment of Drugs and Medicines.

Large discount to those who buy to sell again.

Norway Village, Aug. 31 9

OXFORD OBSERVER.

POETRY.

FOR THE OXFORD OBSERVER.

[By REQUEST.]

Lines composed on the Sickness and Deaths that took place in the family of Mr. James Buck, of Norway, in the autumn of the year 1829.

T'WAS in the autumn of the year
Of twenty-nine that's past,
The hand that wip'd the falling tear,
Has wip'd away the last—
The father's hope, the father's care,
The children's first belov'd,
In pain and sickness she did share,
And d'ld beneath its load.

A daughter dear was call'd away
Before the mother went—
Not all the attention they could pay,
A moment could be lent.
The summons came and she must go
And leave them all behind;
And shortly after she was gone,
The Mother her did find.

The scene was solemn to behold,
Affliction's hand had graspt'd
Almost of the whole family—
A pale and deathly cast.
But the good hand that did afflict,
In mercy has display'd
That all the rest that was confin'd,
To health they have been restor'd.

The father and the husband too,
How desolate his home
Where he did long his mats enjoy—
But now he's left alone.
Her pleasant smiles that us'd to cheer,
And counsels she has given,—
The recollection of them all,
Oh, my poor heart has riven.

But stop, says patience, wait awhile,
Deprived as you see—
Your wife and child shall see again,
And with them ever be.
So death hath torn away your joys,
But Heaven will make amends;
Trust in God, while here you stay,
For much on this depends.

My composition will close

By wishing well to you;

May all your household be of faith,

The way of peace pursue.

So when the dreams of life are o'er,

And time itself shall die—

Both you and yours, and me and mine,

Will reign above the sky.

P. W.

The following ode from the pen of the Poet

Percival was written for the late celebration of

National Independence in the city of New-Ha-

ven, Conn.

OUR FLAG.

Lift, lift the eagle banner high,

Our guide to fame—

On ocean's breezes bid it fly,

Like meteors wafting through the sky

Their pomp of flame,

Till wide on every sea unfurld,

It tells to an admiring world

Our name.

Oh! proudly burns its beacon light

On victory's path—

Thro' Freedom's dawn, through danger's night,

Onward, still onward, rolling bright,

It sweeps in wrath—

Still lightning-like, to him who dares

Confront the terror of our stars,

Its scath.

Still heavenward mounts the generous flame,

And never tires—

Does Envy dare insult our name,

Or lurking falsehood brand with shame

Our buried sires?

The armed Colossus thunders by,

Wide wave our stripes—the dastard lie

Expires.

AUTUMN.

Sweet sabbath of the year!

While evening-lights decay,

Thy parting steps methinks I hear

Steal from the word away!

Amid the silent bowers

'Tis sad but sweet to dwell;

Where falling leaves and drooping flowers

Around me breathe farewell.

Along the sunset skies

Their glories melt in shade;

And, like the things we fondly prize,

Seem lovelier as they fade.

A deep and crimson streak

They dying leaves disclose;

As on Consumption's wan'ing cheek,

'Mid ruin, blooms the rose.

Thy scene each vision brings

Of beauty in decay;

Of fair and early faded things,

Too exquisite to stay;

Of joys that come no more;

Of flowers whose bloom is fled;

Of farewells wept upon the shore;

Of friends estranged or dead;

Of all that now, may seem

To Memory's tearful eye

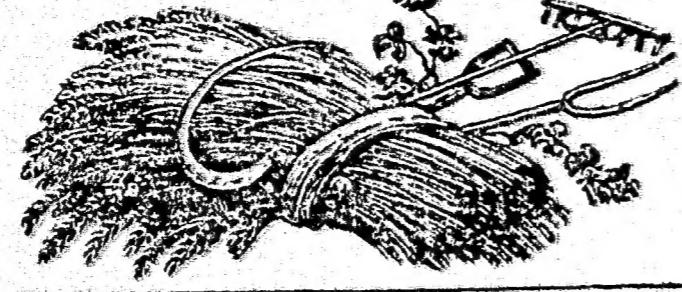
The vanished beauty of a dream,

O'er which we gaze and sigh.

WISE REMARKS.—Riches and happiness have nothing to do with one another, though extreme poverty and misery are nearly related.

The discontented rich are poor; and an opulent miser may live worse than a beggar.

AGRICULTURE—UTILITY.



KEEP BEES.

Few persons are aware of the great profits and advantages arising from the culture of bees. No country possesses greater advantages for their cultivation than our own, and we know of none in which it is more grossly neglected. The time and the capital required is of little importance. Mr. Huish, an English apianian, asserts that two hundred hives may be properly managed by one person with some slight assistance during the swarming season. He states the profits of five years, on a fair and equitable scale, making, at the same time, fair and ample allowance for the losses which even the most skillful apianians cannot prevent. "Suppose a person purchase a swarm for one guinea, the actual profit at the end of five years will be 63*l*. 14*s*. 4*d*. sterling. The great importance of this branch of agriculture to a country will appear, when it is considered that England pays annually to the north of Germany, and Italy, 80,000*l*. sterling for the produce of the bee." According to a modern author it has been estimated that the little island of Corsica, in former times, produced no less than 400,000 lbs. of wax, and six or eight million lbs. of honey, annually: an immense source of wealth for a little Island, and all from the labors of a little insect. The culture of the bee is a particular object to the Hanoverians; their produce of wax in 1782, was estimated at 300,000 lbs. and of honey, 4,500,000 lbs. a most incredible quantity to be collected in one year.

Even in America, honey and wax are imported to a very considerable amount, but were proper attention bestowed on the subject, the necessity of importation might be entirely superseded. A hundred fold more bees might be supported than now have existence in our country. An apriary would be a source of profit and amusement, as an appendage to every rural establishment. With great propriety, therefore, we may enjoin it upon our friends, in the language of the French bishop to his impoverished clergy, "Keep bees, keep bees."

FALL SOWING OF SEEDS.

Cabbages, Parsnips, Carrots, Spinach, and Onions are sowed to the best advantage in the fall, when it is desirable to get them early the next season. Miller's Gardener's Dictionary says, "to cultivate parsnips, sow the seeds in autumn, soon after they are ripe; by which means the seed will come early the following spring, and let the plants get strong before the weeds will grow so as to injure them. The young plants never materially suffer through the severity of the season."—*New England Farmer.*

CULTURE OF SILK.

A visit yesterday, to J. H. Cobb, Esq. of Dedham, afforded us much pleasure as it enabled us to witness the progress, he had made in the culture of silk and in the nice process of reeling it. He has on hand a large quantity of the Silk worm's eggs, as well as of the silk cocoons. The process of reeling was performed on a machine improved by Mr. Cobb, in a satisfactory manner.

We advise our agriculturalists to call on Mr. Cobb, and obtain the information to enable them to commence the culture of silk, which we believe, is destined ere long to become an important branch of New-England husbandry. The first thing to be done, is to plant the white Mulberry trees, in sufficient numbers to supply food for silk worms. After this has been done the rest of the process is easy and within the means of every family. The work can all be done by females, old men and children, who are unfit for the severer labors of husbandry. Considerable attention is now given to this subject in New Hampshire and in the vicinity of Philadelphia. One town in Connecticut produces, annually, silk to the amount of \$25,000. The climate of the United States is peculiarly adapted to its culture, so much so, as to give superiority to the American unmanufactured article. It is not rash therefore to predict, that the production of silk may yet become one of the great employments of American industry and a new source of National wealth. It is well worth the attention of every intelligent agriculturist.—*Boston Patriot.*

A VISIT TO THE CHEROKEES ON THE SABBATH.—The United States [Philadelphia] Gazette of Wednesday last, contains the following as an extract of a letter from a gentleman of high respectability at the South.

Some months since I accompanied a small party of soldiers to the Cherokee country, in order to quiet some disturbances, which had arisen between the Indians and some white intruders. In the execution of this duty, circumstances rendered it necessary for us to visit some of their head men, and among others, Mr. John Ross their principal chief.

The dwelling of Mr. Ross is pleasantly situated on the northern bank of the Coosa river, the house is very well built, much in the style of the residences of farmers in flourishing circumstances at the north, and is surrounded by well cultivated fields. The day on which we arrived happened to be on Sunday, and from the concourse of well dressed natives there assembled, we supposed they intended celebrating divine service. This proved to be the case; for, after a short time, we were invited by Mr. Ross "to hear divine service performed in Cherokee." We attended accordingly, and found an audience of about fifty Indians. There were present two regularly ordained native preachers, of the Methodist persuasion; one of them was a full blooded Indian, the other a very dark 'mixed blood,' possibly one fourth white: the services commenced by the singing of hymns in the Cherokee tongue, translated from the English, and adapted to English tunes, hymn books in the Cherokee character were used, and nearly all the audience participated in the sacred exercise; then followed a chapter from the Bible, then a sermon and exhortation, &c. according to the rites of the Methodist church. The deportment of the audience throughout, was serious and attentive. I need not say that I was surprised and indeed delighted; it was a truly affecting sight to see the descendants of a race, who, twenty years since, were plunged in ignorance and barbarism, now profiting so largely by the precepts of that Gospel, intended by its divine author to benefit alike the white man and the red man.

I entered the Cherokee country with an impression that through the well meaning zeal of their (the Cherokee's) friends, the accounts given of their progress in civilization &c. had been rather exaggerated; but, although I visited by no means the most flourishing portions of country, I was led to the conclusion that if errors had been committed, they were generally on the side least favorable to the Cherokees.

Mr. Ross, as you have no doubt heard, is a gentleman of excellent natural talents, and of solid, I had almost said, brilliant attainments. His library is small but well arranged, when I mention that it contains an excellent edition of Livy, you can form some idea of the remainder of its contents. I had an opportunity to see but few of the other Chiefs; of these, some were full Indians and others of mixed blood. They appeared to be men of good sense, and generally possessed a tolerable good English education, which they acquired in Tennessee and at the Missionary establishments. The common people were almost universally comfortably clothed in habiliments of their own manufacture, and after the manner of the whites."

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

WATERFORD.

HEREBY give notice to the non-resident Proprietors and owners of the following described Lots and Parcels of Land, situated in Waterford in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that the same are taxed in the bills committed to me by the subscriber to collect. State, County and Town taxes for the years 1828 and 1829 and deficiencies of Highway taxes for the years 1827 and 1828, to follow, to wit:—

Proprietors.	Lot.	Range.	Tax of 1828.	Tax of 1829.	Total.
Joel Whittemore, 12	10	132	154	32	318
Hall Store,	11	118	118	138	254
Unknown,	5	1	059		059
do W. P.	12	5	037	146	233
do.	1	6	118		118
do.	12	7	122		122
do.	11	11	150	150	300
do.	9	13	118		118
do. W. P.	5	14	235		235
18 acr's.	6	2	023		023
Willard house 1 c'r			413	413	
1-6 Hay farm,			036	036	
Unknown,	11	6	275	375	650
do.	11	2	150	150	300

Now, unless said taxes with all necessary intervening charges are paid to me on or before Monday the third day of January next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, I shall proceed to sell at public Vendue, so much of said Lots, and parcels of Land as will pay said taxes and charges at the tavern-house of William Brown in said town.

HENRY HOUGHTON, Collector of Waterford for 1828 and 1829.

Attest, Sept. 6, 1830.

NEW BOSTON.

C. J. STONE,

CORNER OF COURT AND MIDDLE-STREETS,

PORTLAND,

HAS just received from the New-York Auctions a large assortment of SEASIDE GOODS, purchased at great sacrifices, and will be sold lower than ever previously offered—among which are—

LADIE'S Blue, Brown, Olive & Mix'd Cloths from \$3 to \$8; 20 ps Tartan, Scotch and Rob Roy Plaids from 20 cts to 2s; Red, White, Yellow and Green FLANNELS; 50 ps fine Circassians, assorted Colors 25 cts to 2*s* per yard; 5 cases fancy Calicoes 8 to 12 1*s*-2*c*; 6 cases very rich dark fancy Prints 1*s* to 2*s*; 1 case fine Philadelphia Plaids, 12 1*s*-2*c*; Rich dark English, French and German Ginghams; 50 doz. Cotton and Silk Flag Hdks 12 1*s* to 2*s*; 2200 yds Bobbinet and Mecklin Laces 2 cts to 1*s*; Blk Levantine, Gros de Naples and Italian Silks. Blk Nankin & Canton Crapes \$2,75 to \$6; Blk & White Lace Veils 2*s* to \$4; Superfine 4*s* Checks at 1*s*; 20 bales Brown & Bleached Shirts and Sheetings 5*s* to 20 cts. Super Ticking 13 to 25 cts; black and other cols. Bombazetts 15 cts to 1*s*; Satinetts; Cassimeres; Blk & slate Worsted Hosiery; Silk do; Gentleman's and Ladie's Silk, Beaver, Horeskin & Kid Gloves; Hosiery and York tan Mitts; Mens Stout Buck